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SENATE BILL 3080 By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 4; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to certain restrictions placed on health care providers participating in the TennCare program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-5-149.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the state may not impose on any health care provider participating in the TennCare program or require any managed care organization participating in the TennCare program to impose any restriction on such providers concerning conflicts of interest, lobbying, petitioning government or speech that is more restrictive than any such restrictions imposed by federal law. No managed care organization participating in the TennCare program may impose any such restrictions on a health care provider who participates in the TennCare program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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